

My dear friends  
Labor of the Sun  
may its yield  
fruit a thousand  
fold - and so we  
pray again.  
If they will accept  
them I beg my  
friend again to  
your family and  
believe me  
yours with true affection  
Anna Brisbane  
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You have the best  
of all letters Mr. P. has  
written since Mrs  
illness.

but love and affection, rather than  
the more proper one of Miss Anne Weston,  
for I cannot find it in my heart to  
write it - besides are not abolitionists  
all brethren? and there are no trifles  
or practices among them, either with the  
seen or unseen, - they are truly a house  
hold band though scattered far and  
wide, ~~and~~ though never to be united in  
this world, they will be linked together  
one family in Heaven - How often I dwell  
on the joyous meetings prepared for those  
who love God's neglected misused children  
when they shall appear before Him with  
those whom he has given them - still  
the prospect seems a distant one, and  
while we are flesh and blood yearning

to behold our fellow mortals will come  
over the spirit; I know you have felt  
this with regard to the inhabitants of this  
house, and therefore can fancy the pleasure  
with which you will look on the little  
daguerrotype which Mr. Bellin sends  
you - As I am not that individual, or  
his daughter, I may claim to be impar-  
tial in my testimony respecting it. He  
would be too modest to say that it is  
not equal to himself - but it is not, be-  
cause it cannot give the benevolent play  
of his countenance, nor the resigned look  
of sweet contentment which is the habit-  
ual expression of his features when at rest  
but they are constantly lighted up with  
some cheerful thought, or happy smile,  
He comes down from the Mount with  
a face as bright as Moses - Your imagina-  
tion must throw over the likeness that  
illumination, and then he will be with  
you. I wish you could see him sitting at  
the microscope in my dead, though I



am afraid the objects delayed there  
would go unexamined whilst the two  
larger animals investigated each  
other, well it may be so yet - it is a joyful  
thought, one I could scarcely have indul-  
ged a few months since, but the last  
two months in the country has produced  
a wonderful improvement - the pure  
air and the beautiful scenery, and the  
perfect liberty of doing as he liked on  
all occasions has strengthened and re-  
freshed him far beyond anything I could  
have ventured to hope - he now looks bet-  
ter than when we met in the Spring, then  
he had a worn, overtaxed, anxious expression  
which has quite disappeared - he feels now  
as if there was a necessity for doing little  
and that also as leisurely as he pleases - in-  
fact he has the right to enjoy, and he does  
so with a calm and thankful spirit,  
sensible that his disengagement from active  
employment has been so gentle that it is  
a subject for thankfulness rather than

regret. However he is still full of quiet  
authority, though is busy for the welfare  
of others, and the right hand still in a great  
degree fulfils its office, but we do not  
like to see the pen long together in it. and  
he is very good in putting it aside when  
a hint is given - I think you would hard-  
ly perceive any change in the use of it,  
he manages so skillfully in all the ordinary  
uses, but it does not regain its strength  
of so as to be of any essential good to him  
but there is much to be grateful for in what  
remains - it seems in appearance the only  
trace left of his attack, for his movements  
are quite as vigorous as before, his power  
of walking also remains - I heard him say  
yesterday - "I must have my four miles  
walk every day", so off he goes quite indepen-  
dently of every one most especially avoiding  
his "she keepers" as he has been known to call  
Mary and myself on some former occasions  
it used to be delightful to see him come  
from these rambles in the country looking



invigorated and refreshed - Now we have left the beautiful fields and lanes - Mr. Estlin and Mary settled came hither about a week since, not knowing to settle in for the winter, for she is going possibly the end of this week to the neighborhood of Birmingham to try the effect of the water cure which Mr. Estlin thinks may in some respects be favorable for her - she has been over worked, was ill before his illness, and though she has been able to keep up through it, yet it must necessarily have been trying to her - we hoped that some of the work in which they were engaged before would have lessened, but it has not, and the correspondence which has devolved on Mary has been sufficient for the full engagement of a very much stronger frame - we felt that it could not continue, and she

has lately broken down under it, and  
feels that she must come to a stand  
and now that her father is so much up  
better, she thinks it wise to avail her  
self of the time to try what Hydropathy  
will do for her. I hope much from  
the cessation of work, pure air and  
exercise, early hours, and regular meals.  
If she can be brought to take some  
thing besides bread biscuits and very  
weak tea ~~and~~ her digestion may  
be strengthened. The medical men  
who have seen her hitherto all have  
said that they can detect no reason  
why ~~she~~ should not, but she has so  
long accustomed herself to this <sup>diet</sup> that she  
will find some difficulty in altering  
it - but great advantage of her going  
will be the breaking through old habits  
of this kind, and in fact of taking her  
out of her own hands - so as for her  
not to prescribe for herself. she enters



and upon it with good heart, and a spirit  
of hope, two excellent elements for suc-  
cess. Mr. Latham will take her, remain  
here some little time, and then go and con-  
sult as he pleases, he prefers this to settling  
in here as a fixture for the winter, and  
as he is now able to bear an exposure  
to cold and air hitherto unknown  
to him there seems no reason why he  
should not do as he likes.

Many could not be reconciled to send-  
ing the daguerotype of himself and  
his father before now, as we think it  
such a complete failure with regard  
to him, the intellectual expression is  
not given, and the coloring is so high  
that it gives one the idea of his not  
belonging to any thing in the shape of  
a Temperance Socy - I cannot bear it,  
but the resemblance to her is so good  
that it seems a pity you should not  
be introduced to her, and now that you  
have something more true to life to turn

to on his behalf, one can be at ease  
in seeing it packed up for America.

All these pages and not a word  
on A.S. matters, but they are not forgot-  
ten. We had a very interesting meeting  
at Miss Leonards the Secretary of the  
Bristol and Clifton Ladies Socy on Tues-  
day last. Mr. Bishop was there, and  
carried us through his American expe-  
riences in a manner that touched  
and warmed all our hearts, he was  
listened to with breathless attention.

Mr. Steinthal the Unitarian Minis-  
ter at Bridgewater a new and true  
friend of the cause, gave a pleasant  
sketch of the formation of a new  
society there. He has written to abolition-  
ists in America for information. I hope  
he will be well supplied for there seems  
now to be an opening for awakening  
a more extensive interest than hitherto.  
Douglass was there, and has been  
there before. They have sent yearly con-  
tributions to Rochester chiefly through



one of the Miss Brownes who is now  
 Mrs. R. L. Carpenter - but Mr. S. is trus-  
 ed with the true spirit and as he is  
 ardent and energetic there is every  
 hope that he will accomplish some-  
 thing satisfactory - but he will want  
 the true light to shine in upon him  
 from your far land - He had seen  
 no other paper than Douglass' own,  
 and yet he had gathered from it  
 what Douglass really is - with regard  
 to his late attack on the real Abolition-  
 ists he saw through it directly, and  
 will be likely to enlighten others -

May is in the act of ripping a splen-  
 did cover from a cushion just sent  
 for the Bazaar by Miss Chick, you must  
 kindly replace it after its trip across  
 the Atlantic, we feared it might get  
 injured if pressed into a small space.

At our meeting on Friday all the efforts  
 to collect gentlemen ended in getting  
 possession for the time being of 5 Unitarian

and our Independent Minister, so difficult is it in all Bristol to find anything like masculine energy in behalf of the slave. We congratulate you very much on not having a Liberty Bell to get up this year, you came to a very wise conclusion on the subject. How many one so small as you are (I mean in bulk) can get one such a wide sphere of activity as you continue to accomplish seems a marvel, but the small things of this world do truly confound the large ones.

If I could find it in my heart to wish Mrs Chapman farther away from me, I should be glad to think she was relieving you of some of your burden - but there is something so delightful to me in the possibility of a reunion with her and those who ~~surround~~ surround her, that I cannot help being selfish - I wrote her a volume lately, and have another in store for Miss Weston, whom that is despatched the



family generally both at home and abroad will think they have had enough for some time to come, and I agree with them, but when once an avocation begins with any number of your circle there is no end to it and must be borne with. You will have heard from others what golden opinions Mr. McKim has gained from all sorts of persons whilst in England if he could but have remained six months longer he would have done great good, as it is his visit was very useful if Mr. W. Phillips would, but, come there is no saying what year he might visit - will he not really think of it?

The double portrait of Mary and her father will be enclosed to Mr. May so you must compare notes with him as there is no such good likeness of her (which please to remember is only a last ) as of Mr. P. as that which he gives you. I sincerely hope that you will

find your brother much improved  
in health by his visit to Europe and  
that you will be cheered by continued  
favorable reports of your sister Susan  
how you must long to have all the  
"French bastons" at home once more  
I certainly am jealous of Paris and  
wish they could draw forth draughts by  
ties as strong to England. - We have  
just had communication from Mr.  
Wells - he and his family are both  
well - They have heard of the safe arrival  
of their son in Australia and his letter  
is bright and hopeful - If you could have  
seen out of what little odds and ends of  
time, and queer little bustles this letter  
has been written, I am sure you would  
be inclined to regard it leniently. - How  
much writing is not good for Mary, I am  
glad to see her busy in your behalf as  
it will be a noble weight against  
this call upon your patience - How often  
we shall be with you in thought during